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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING NO. 233, AUGUST 4, 1978

(SALT TWO - 1831)

SUMMARY. SIDES DISCUSSED JOINT STATEMENT AND FROD DEFINITION. SMOLIN PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE FOR SECTIONS 2 AND REFORMULATION OF SECTION 3. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIOR TO MEETING, SMOLIN HANDED OVER NON-PAPER ON SECTION TWO OF JOINT STATEMENT, THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

2. TEXT OF SOVIET NON-PAPER ON SECTION TWO OF JOINT STATEMENT: BEGIN TEXT. SECOND. FURTHER LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS MUST BE SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS AND TO THIS END, WHEN NECESSARY, THE PARTIES WILL TAKE, ADDITIONALLY, COOPERATIVE MEASURES CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VERIFICATION. THE PARTIES WILL SEEK TO STRENGTHEN VERIFICATION AND TO PERFECT THE OPERATION OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED BY SECRET

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THE PARTIES. END TEXT. FYI. DURING MEETING OF CONFORMING SUBGROUP HELD AUGUST 3, US HAD HANDED OVER SIMILAR NON-PAPER, FIRST SENTENCE OF WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS (SECOND SENTENCE WAS IDENTICAL). END FYI. BEGIN TEXT. SECOND. FURTHER LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS MUST BE SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS AND, ADDITIONALLY, WHEN NE-

CESSARY THE PARTIES WILL TAKE COOPERATIVE MEASURES CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VERIFICATION. END TEXT.
3. OKUN, REFERRING TO APPARENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SIDES ON THE CONCEPT OF FRODS, RESTATED US POSITION ON NEED FOR AGREED DEFINITION OF FRODS AS PROPOSED BY US FOR COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II. HE INDICATED THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO MODIFY COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO ARTICLES VI.6 AND XVII.2(E) TO REMOVE EXPANDED REFERENCES TO THIS CONCEPT UPON AGREEMENT ON DEFINITION.

4. SMOLIN ACKNOWLEDGED AGREEMENT ON FROD CONCEPT AND ASKED WHY US DID NOT APPLY IT TO QUESTION OF ASBM CARRIERS. HE STATED THAT PROBLEM OF ASBM CARRIERS SHOULD BE RESOLVED ON BASIS OF TYPE RULE. OKUN INDICATED QUESTION OF FROD DEFINITION CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY BY US.

5. SMOLIN HANDED OVER REFORMULATION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR SECTION 3 OF JOINT STATEMENT, INCORPORATING CHANGE IN FORMAT AND EDITORIAL CHANGES. HE REAFFIRMED REFERENCE TO "ALL RELEVANT FACTORS," PROVISION FOR REDUCTION OF AGGREGATE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS, AND CRITICIZED US PROPOSAL TO REFER TO STRATEGIC DEFENSES.

6. BEGIN TEXT. THIRD. THE PARTIES SHALL PURSUE IN THE COURSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL
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RELEVANT FACTORS THAT DETERMINE THE STRATEGIC SITUATION, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN THE NUMBERS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, INCLUDING REDUCTION OF THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES;

2. QUALITATIVE LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS AND ON MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS;

3. RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES INCLUDED IN THE PROTOCOL TO THE TREATY BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND REALIZATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES. END TEXT.

7. US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS EXCHANGED JDT PAGES INCORPORATING SOVIET AGREEMENT TO US PROPOSALS OF JULY 19,

RESULTING IN REVISION OF TITLE OF MAIN TEXT AS "AGREEMENT/TREATY," WITH EXPLANATORY FOOTNOTE, AND SIMILAR APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN JOINT STATEMENT.

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